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As a result of Bac Dai's proposal to create one central, or alternatively three regional representative consultative assemblies, a meeting was held in Hanoi on 17 April 1951 to elect the proparatory committee for North Vietnam. The following is an account of his meeting.

- Tran Van, Tuyen, Secretary of State to the President, who supervised the formation of this preparatory committee, issued invitations to approximately 100 persons in Panoi known to be active in politics. Forty-one of those invited attended the reeting. Potable absenties were Nguyen Yuan Chu and Le Toan, representatives of the Party of Vietnam Patriots (Vietnam Ai Cuoc Dang), and Neuven Manh Ha, former Minister of Economics.
- The recting had only begun when objection was interposed by Le Thang, a leading member of the Mational Popular Party, that the meeting was not representative of all North Vietnam since it consisted entirely of residents of Fanci. Tran Van Tuyen, dritting the velidity of this objection, pointed out the urgency of the matter and stated it had not been possible to summon a more widely representative group. He also denied the meeting had been called merely to endorse decisions reached by the covaittee of South Vietnam.
- The following were then elected to preside over the meeting:

President: Foang Nom Hung

An old revolutionary who spent 30 years

in political calle in China,

Secretary: Bui Diem

Member of the Matio - 1 Popular Party and editor of the news, aper Quoc Dan,

Secretary: Nguyen Tuyen Linh

Journalist with no party at listions.

A representative of the Vietnam Cac' Yenh Dong Minh Hoi protested that the meeting was acting as a committee instord of electing one, and suggested that proceed with the election of the committee without wasting time on preliminaries. Thereupon Le Thang called for a vote on the proposal that all present be designated rembers of the preparatory committee. A majority

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affirmative vote on this proposal brought forth still further objection from some members, including Hoang Co Binh, a local dentist and director of the Mationalist journal Giang Son. At the suggestion of Tran Trung Dung, director of the Ortholic Mationalist newscaper Thois Boo, the original vote was declared void and the meeting proceeded with the election of the preparatory committee as listed below:

President

Hoang Co Binh

No Party

Vice President

Dr. Phan Hoy Quat

National Popular Party

Secretary

Tran Trung Dung

Catholic

Members

Xuyen

Catholic

Tri Hai

Buddhist

Cung Dinh Quy

Viotnem Cuoc Dan Dang (VMCDD)

Le Thang

National Pomular Party

Do Dinh Dao

VIIQDD

Thai Vinh Thinh

No Party

Nguyen Duy Quang

No Party

Mgo Thue Dich

VIQDD

Ngo Van

National Popular Party

Foang Nam Hung

No Party

Vu Vinh Thang

No Party

Nguyen Dang Thuc

No Party

Le Quang Luat

Catholic, representative of Le Hum Tt, Bishop of Phat Diem.

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